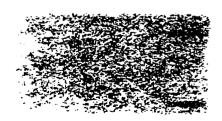
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At the mesent this question remains seedemic. In the absence of necessary verification within Cuba that all offensive weapons have been removed and the establishment of adequate safeguards against their return as set forth in my understanding with Chairman Khrushchev, there is no occasion for fermal U.S. assurances on the subject of invasion. But this does not mean that we went to invade Cuba. As I said on September 13, "We shall neither initiate nor permit aggression in this homisphere" if effensive weapons systems are removed, kept out of this homisphere in the future — and if there is no effect to expert aggressive communist purposes from Cuba — and if there is no interference from Cuba with the security of the countries of this Hemisphere, there are he peace in the Caribbean. And that is what this Government wants.

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